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Cities Connection Project brings together in Zurich architectures from Switzerland, Barcelona, and Wallonia-Brussels

The CCP15Y exhibition continues its European tour at the Architekturforum Zürich. Following an initial meeting with over 20 Catalan architects, the second part will open on November 13th with a planned visit of 20 architects from seven Wallonia-Brussels studios, promoted by Wallonie-Bruxelles Architectures (WBA).

- **Architekturforum Zürich hosts CCP15Y until November 25th, an exhibition curated by Nicola Regusci and Xavier Bustos that compares 150 projects from Switzerland, Barcelona and Wallonia-Brussels.**
- **More than 20 Catalan architects participated in the opening meeting, which included site visits and talks by taller9s, SUMO, Cantallops-Vicente, and unparelld'arquitectes, alongside interventions from Swiss studio.**
- **The second part will open on November 13th, with a planned visit of 20 Belgian architects. On Saturday 14th, there will be lectures by LRArchitectes, SPECIMEN, Bruum architecture and NOTAN OFFICE.**



CCP15Y Exhibition at Architekturforum Zürich - Photography AFZ

Zurich, October 30, 2026. Cities Connection Project presents ***CCP15Y*** at the Architekturforum Zürich*:* ***15 years of comparative architecture***, an exhibition gathering 150 recent projects from Switzerland, Barcelona, and the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. Curated by architects Nicola Regusci and Xavier Bustos, the exhibition continues its European tour following its presentation in Barcelona as part of the World Capital of Architecture 2026 program.

The Zurich stage is organized into two parts. The first, **inaugurated on October 30th, gathers 50 Swiss projects and 50 from Barcelona**. On November 13th at 7:00 PM, the second part will open, where the works from Wallonia-Brussels will take over from the Barcelona selection. The 50 Swiss projects will remain in the gallery as a common reference for both comparisons. **The exhibition can be visited until November 25th.**



CCP15Y Exhibition in BARCELONA - Photography Anna Mas

Wallonia-Brussels, the next meeting

For this new stage, a visit of 20 architects from seven studios from Wallonia-Brussels is scheduled, whose participation is promoted by **Wallonie-Bruxelles Architectures (WBA**). The encounter will build upon the professional exchange initiated during the opening of the exhibition.

On Saturday, November 14th, at 11:00 AM, the Architekturforum Zürich will host a day of lectures featuring **LRArchitectes, SPECIMEN, Bruum architecture and NOTAN OFFICE**, alongside presentations from Swiss studios such as **Bosshard Vaquer Architekten**. The session will connect four projects from Wallonia-Brussels with four from Zurich to address topics such as ways of living, building reuse and collective facilities.

The event will be held in English with free admission.

Comparing architectures through their programs

CCP15Y organizes the projects by programmatic affinities. Five areas structure the itinerary: **new ways of living; densification and regeneration through reuse; renaturalization of public space; collective facilities and infrastructure and hybrid programs.**

This layout allows visitors to observe how studios from different territories respond to similar needs under varying regulatory, cultural and economic conditions. The works relate to one another through the issues they address, establishing a cross-cutting reading across housing, schools, public spaces and interventions on existing structures.

The modular, lightweight and self-supporting exhibition system is designed to facilitate itinerancy and adapt to different venues. The thematic organization allows for the incorporation of new projects at each stage and the establishment of new relationships between the works.



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More than 20 Catalan architects at the opening meeting

The first part of the exhibition brought together more than 20 Catalan architects in an exchange program with Swiss professionals.

The session on Saturday, October 31st, included four lectures by the Catalan studios **taller9s, SUMO, Cantallops-Vicente and unparelld'arquitectes**, alongside contributions from Swiss studios. Local participants included **Meritxell Vaquer from Bosshard Vaquer Architekten and Thomas Friberg from pool Architektur**. The presentations translated the comparisons on the panels into direct explanations of the projects by their authors.



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Guided site visits in Zurich

Both parts of the exhibition feature a program of **guided site visits in Zurich led by their authors**. The tours are part of the exchange between local professionals and participating architects from Barcelona and Wallonia-Brussels, allowing to experience the spaces, construction systems and the relationship of the buildings with their surroundings on-site.

The itinerary for the first part, held on October 30th and 31st, included the Holunderhof housing complex by Schneider Studer Primas; the office and commercial building at Binzstrasse 29 by EM2N; the Lavater school by Neff Neumann; and Zollhaus by Enzmann Fischer. Residential buildings by Esch Sintzel, the Im Birch school by GUNZ & KÜNZLE, Tanzhaus by Barozzi Veiga, Hard Turm Park by Morger Partner, and the temporary sports hall on Gloriastrasse by pool were also visited.

The second part will continue this visits program with the architects from Wallonia-Brussels.

Assembly

The exhibition design is built upon a system of black steel structures, conceived as lightweight, modular and self-supporting elements. These pieces organize the space without enclosing it, allowing for a continuous and flexible reading of the ensemble.

The backlit structures act as supports for the panels and, at the same time, as a spatial device. The integrated lighting not only ensures the legibility of the content but also introduces an ambient layer that differentiates plans, intensifies the perception of the pieces and accompanies the visitor's path.

The arrangement of these elements configures a sequence of passage that connects the perimeter archive with the central islands of recent projects. In this way, the visitor moves through the exhibition via a system that combines continuity and fragmentation, establishing constant visual relationships between the different layers of the exhibition.

Far from being a neutral solution, the assembly constructs a legible structure that orders information, guides movement and reinforces the idea of the exhibition as a field of connections between projects, contexts and ways of working.



CCP15Y Exhibition at MUHBA Oliva Artés - Photography Diana Maján (Hexágono Blanco)

Practical Information

Exhibition: CCP15Y. 15 years of comparative architecture.
Venue: Architekturforum Zürich. Zollstrasse 115, 8005 Zurich.
Dates: Until November 25, 2026.
Second Part: Switzerland and Wallonia-Brussels. Opening on November 13 at 7:00 PM.
Professional Encounter: November 14 at 11:00 AM. In English, free admission.
Exhibition Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Thursday from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Saturday from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Curators: Nicola Regusci and Xavier Bustos, Cities Connection Project.
Organization: Cities Connection Project and Architekturforum Zürich.

More info: https://www.af-z.ch/ausstellungen/ccp-cities-connection-project-15-y/

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About Cities Connection Project:

Cities Connection Project (CCP) is an initiative founded in 2012 by architects Nicola Regusci and Xavier Bustos, promoting exchange between cities through contemporary architecture.

The project develops through traveling exhibitions, visits, professional encounters and publications, establishing links between architecture studios, cultural institutions, and schools. Its approach is based on comparison as a working tool, connecting architectural practices developed in different European contexts.

Throughout its various editions, CCP has connected Barcelona with cities and regions such as Canton Ticino, Geneva, Zurich, Arc Lémanique, Wallonia-Brussels, Basel, Luxembourg or the Grand Est region in France. The network built over this time gathers nearly 400 architecture studios and around 70 institutions, consolidating CCP as a platform for exchange around contemporary architecture.

http://www.citiesconnectionproject.com/

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About Architekturforum Zürich

Founded in 1987, Architekturforum Zürich is a space dedicated to the debate on contemporary architecture and urban planning. Throughout its history, it has organized more than 200 exhibitions, in addition to lectures, conferences and meetings aimed at professionals and the public interested in the transformation of cities.

Its venue, located at Zollstrasse 115, combines exhibition activity with a program that allows discovering and discussing different perspectives on architectural practice.

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